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Reference: BWA 11951, 13 May 1957

1. Frankfurt files contain voluminous traces on one fm Capt. KARPONAY, aka Miklos (Capt) KORPONAI, KOPONY:

- A. Capt. fm KARPONAY, KOPONY: Subject who actually held the rank of captain in the Hungarian army, maintains that he is a colonel. Subject a member of an Hungarian emigre IS group, who with General Andras ZAKO, aka SZAKO, General ATTREAS, met with SIS officials (Mr. LENOX-BOYD), who gave them approximately twenty-five missions of which most were accomplished with the utmost satisfaction to SIS. However, SIS heard that KARPONAY had repeated to FIS contacts, all that had transpired at this meeting. SIS negotiations were immediately cancelled and KARPONAY was only saved from being liquidated by SIS by the intervention of an unknown party. At a renewed conference with SIS, it was decided to evacuate KARPONAY to Argentina (NVA 2992, 3 Jun 49).
- B. Miklos KORPONAI, Miklos: Right hand man of ZAKO, was born in 1912 in Nemetujvar, Hungary and is an old and close friend of Andras ZAKO. Subject assisted ZAKO in forming the KORVAS resistance group in 1944. Currently he debriefs refugees fleeing Hungary and tries to peddle the information to French, British and American IS agencies (SCG 631, 10 June 48). KARPONAY was once threatened with arrest by the French for selling valuable intelligence information provided instead of using it for anti-Communist resistance movement under which pretext he obtained the information. Later the French discovered he sold information to other powers.
- C. KARPONAY, Miklos: Subject was head of the Hungarian segment of the "Jagdverband Bued Ist." He was the right-hand man of executed war criminal, Baron SZALASY, chief of the Hungarian government from 15 Oct 44, until the arrival of the Russians. Subject founded a pro-Fascist organization in the DP Camp, Pfeffernitz near Villach, Carinthia in August 1946, and was

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in touch with the HORTHY Group in Bari, Italy. He appeared as one of the "Trilateral SZCZYL-GRONCHAI-TORONYI," which headed resistance movements to combat the current Hungarian government. Subject met with the CIC during the summer of 1947 and proposed they set up an intelligence net to operate for the Americans in Austria and Hungary. However, this never materialized but considerable worth-while information was received through subject. Leaders of the KONJAS Organization (Arrow-Cross Organization: a movement consisting of an ex-gre group with very little contact inside Hungary, and no contacts whatsoever among well-placed Hungarian government officials. For quite sometime KONJAS and GAI have been looking for sponsors to finance their movement principally because they are eager, in the event of a change in the regime, to be among those in the first echelon to get back into Hungary and thus realize their own political aims. (USA 878, 7 Feb 50 and SGO 631, 10 Jun 48).

- D. KONJAS. Miklos: Subject organized on order of General Ferenc KIRALY and with the help of General Andras KALO the "Brotherhood of Comrades-in-Arms," and association of former Hungarian Army officers with headquarters in Innsbruck, Austria and Munich, Germany. This association politics were right of center (NAV 1613, 6 Feb 1950.)

2. Request you inform the NY that our files reveal no information in addition to the above with the exception of which should be available to their own liaison sources.

NOTE FYI: KALONAI, Miklos, Captain, might be identical with Miklos KONJAS, VISA 9427, 31 Dec 56, requested traces on Miklos KALONAI allegedly now in Frankfurt. FULL 6426, 11 Jan 57 answered: "US: INS files refer to one Miklos KALONAI former Hungarian General Staff Captain who WIDE-type migrated to Vancouver, Canada prior April 1952. Allegedly still in Canada, January 1954. Possibility that Captain Miklos KONJAS, referred to in reference "NY 9427 might be identical with Miklos KONJAS born 25 Sept 12, who was dropped by FBI on 1 May 48 because of involvement with other agencies possibly including WIDE. KONJAS extremely active Austria 42-49."

3. We have no information on the other subjects mentioned in reference.

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